(27) SIGNIFICANCE

Carbondale City Hall should be included in the National Register of Historic Buildings for the following five reasons:

1. It is an excellent example of a Romanesque Revival building; its wholeness has not been impaired in any way, and it appears today as it did when it was completed in 1892-1894;

2. It was designed by a local architect (Truman I. Lacey, Binghamton, NY) and erected under his direct supervision by local builders (G. D. Stevens, Binghamton, NY and George H. Tryon, Carbondale, PA); it is constructed of local materials (Pennsylvania-made brick and Pennsylvania bluestone);

3. It has played an important role in the history of the city of Carbondale and in the history of northeastern Pennsylvania;

4. It is an embodiment in brick and bluestone of the values, ideals, and beliefs of late nineteenth century America;

5. It can be regarded as an autonomous aesthetic phenomenon, i.e., as a work of art.

A complete discussion of Carbondale City Hall, regarded as

--an architectural phenomenon,

--an historical phenomenon, and

--a phenomenon that illustrates and interprets the history of the United States,

is given on the following three pages.